

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Resolution Number: 20131218 007a

Blue Bonnet Hills Subdivision (C8-2013-0039), Watershed determination and related issues.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin just renewed their Habitat Conservation Plan to protect the Austin Blind and Barton Springs Salamanders,

And whereas, development on this and neighboring lots could adversely affect Salamander habitat and water quality of Barton Springs, despite an "Urban" designation set before the HCP was approved,

And whereas, the Barton Springs Zone and/ or SOS restrictions may be more appropriate and protective of the habitat and water quality,

THEREFORE, the Environmental Board recommends that the Planning Commission and City Council wait for results of the UT dye trace and the staff investigations before acting on approving development on this or adjacent lots, because it could drastically change allowable impervious cover and water quality controls.

Board conditions:

- Have City of Austin biologists Survey the Little Zilker Creek spring for endangered Salamander habitat;
- Have City of Austin hydro geologists compare water quality from the Spring CEF to Barton Springs to check to see if it is part of the Barton Springs Complex and, therefore, potential Salamander habitat;
- Wait for UT and City of Austin dye trace results.
- The Environmental Board should be updated on staff and UT dye trace results and be provided with other case updates.

Record of the Vote [4-0-1-1-1]

For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, and Neely

Against: None

Abstained: Schissler

Absent: Walker

Recused: Perales

Attested by:

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